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Memorandum of Conversation

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SUBJECT: Location of SALT II

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On receipt of the August 4 White House approval of Geneva as the location for SALT II, I called the Soviet Embassy. Vorontsov, to whom Garthoff had talked earlier, was out of town and I spoke to Ambassador Dobrynin.

I recalled that Garthoff had told Vorontsov that we needed to confirm formally our agreement to Geneva as the location for SALT II. I said I was now in a position to do so. Dobrynin said that they had already taken their decision on this matter, and my call meant that the location was now formally agreed by the two sides.

I reminded him that we were only now in a position to begin to seek facilities in Geneva. Therefore, it might prove necessary, particularly if SALT II began this fall, to hold the initial session in Vienna as Garthoff had pointed out to Vorontsov. Dobrynin did not demur at this, but I did not get the impression he had previously been aware of this point.

I noted that there was as yet no formal agreement as to the timing of resumption of SALT, and said that this would be a matter for later discussion after our Congressional action on the two SALT agreements was completed.

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